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Perhaps you have noticed dark clumps of something among the branches of mesquite trees and have wondered what they could be. At a distance they appear to be large irregular nests but closer inspection reveals that they are plants, distinctly different than the mesquite tree in which they seem to be domiciled. The intruders appear to be doing very well as judged by their luxuriant growth and the abundance of red or white berries.

There are no roots extending into the ground and upon examination the plants are found to be firmly attached to the branches of the mesquite. It is from the tree that their source of existence comes for these plants are parasites and gain their living by the simple process of stealing it from the circulatory system of the mesquite. However, justice catches up with this thief, the mistletoe, for in its own development it finally kills the mesquite tree thus committing unintentional suicide.

Mistletoe is a common parasite in the Palm Springs district, occurring in abundance on the mesquite, less so, on the catsclaw, tamarix, Parkinsonia, creosote bush, and other trees and shrubs. Occasionally a mesquite tree is found free of it. Such a tree, a beautiful specimen, grows on the estate of a prominent Palm Springs resident. The owner seeing much mistletoe in other trees and seeing none in his, thought there should be some. Not knowing exactly how to transfer it he tried tying bunches of mistletoe in the branches of the tree. He watched the bunches wither and fail to grow. But next season things began to happen in that mesquite tree; mistletoe appeared on the branches and now is growing in abundance, so much so, that it is becoming a source of doubt as to the wisdom of having established it. In transferring the berry laden branches the owner had merely brought in thousands of mistletoe seeds, some of which found favorable germinating places on the branches of the mesquite tree.

The family name of the mistletoe is Loranthaceae which is from the Greek and means, thong; the genus name of our mistletoe is Phoradendron which is from the Greek and means, tree-thief; the species name is californicum, after California. Putting these names in a rather loose combination we have some such name as, a tree thief from California. The fruit of the mistletoe is a red berry but in Andreas Canyon we find the same species with white berries and give to it the variety name, leucocarpum, which means white fruit.

After touching upon the high lights in the life history of the mistletoe and making a short study of the meaning of the names employed in identifying it, some reader might continue by juggling together his thoughts and the meaning of these names and figure out why mistletoe is hung conspicuously in a doorway for "timorous" ladies to "un-intentionally" sojourn under.

Rarely does the resident or visitor see a Leconte thrasher, the shyest of all our desert birds. Under favorable conditions it will respond to a limited extent to feeding and being unmolested. A pair lives near our house and have finally become tame enough to approach the immediate vicinity of the house in search of food thrown into the nearby bushes.

The Leconte thrasher is a ground bird, seldom taking to wing unless forced to, but even before flying it will run swiftly from bush to bush. It is one of the most beautiful singers of the desert land, its song being confused by some with that of the mockingbird. A short, sharp, full, whistle is its usual song, if such it could be called. When one learns to recognize that whistle he will begin to see the Leconte thrasher.

I have come to be accepted as a part of the landscape by the birds about the house. They pay slight attention to me unless there is a sudden move. A few days ago while sitting by a broad, open window, I heard, nearby, the sharp call of the Leconte thrasher and presently from the bush immediately in

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LOCAL PROBLEMS DISCUSSED WITH COUNTY HEADS

Members of the county board of supervisors, which is the legal governing body of Palm Springs, met with the boards of directors of the Chamber of Commerce and the Property Owners Protective Association at the Desert Inn this noon, to discuss the various problems confronting this community.

Local speakers discussed the various matters now requiring attention, including zoning, health protection, streets, etc., over which the supervisors have direct control.

The county board was represented by Chairman Jack McGregor; Robert E. Dillon of this district, Ralph Stanfield and Ed Talbot.

Report of the conference will be made in the next issue of the Desert Sun.

MORE REPUBLICANS THAN DEMOCRATS VOTE HERE TUESDAY

Palm Springs is at least one community that has more voting Republicans than Democrats, as was evidenced in Tuesday's election. Three hundred twenty-six votes were cast, of which 173 were Republicans and 153 Democrats. Republicans led in the south part of town, Precinct No. 2, where there were 76 Republican votes and 51 Democratic; total 127. The polling place was at the Marion McCarty residence.

However, there appear to be more Democrats in the north part, Precinct No. 1, for 102 Democratic votes were cast there and 97 Republican; total 199. Polling place was at the school house.

Votes for candidates were as follows:

	No. 1 No. 2
Landon (R)	48 38
Warren (R)	48 36
McGroarty (Townsend D)	3 6
Sinclair (Epic D)	7 3

DR. WILLIAMSON NOTIFIES CHURCH HE WILL LEAVE

Dr. Charles David Williamson, pastor of the Palm Springs Community Church, announced Sunday that he has submitted his resignation from the local pastorate, to the Riverside County Presbytery, and asked the congregation to join with him in asking the Presbytery for his release.

Dr. Williamson has served the congregation during the past two seasons, during which time the old church property was sold and the new church and manse were built. During the same period the congregation has had considerable increase in membership.

He has been especially popular with the young people of the congregation, and the young people's meetings have increased in interest and in attendance.

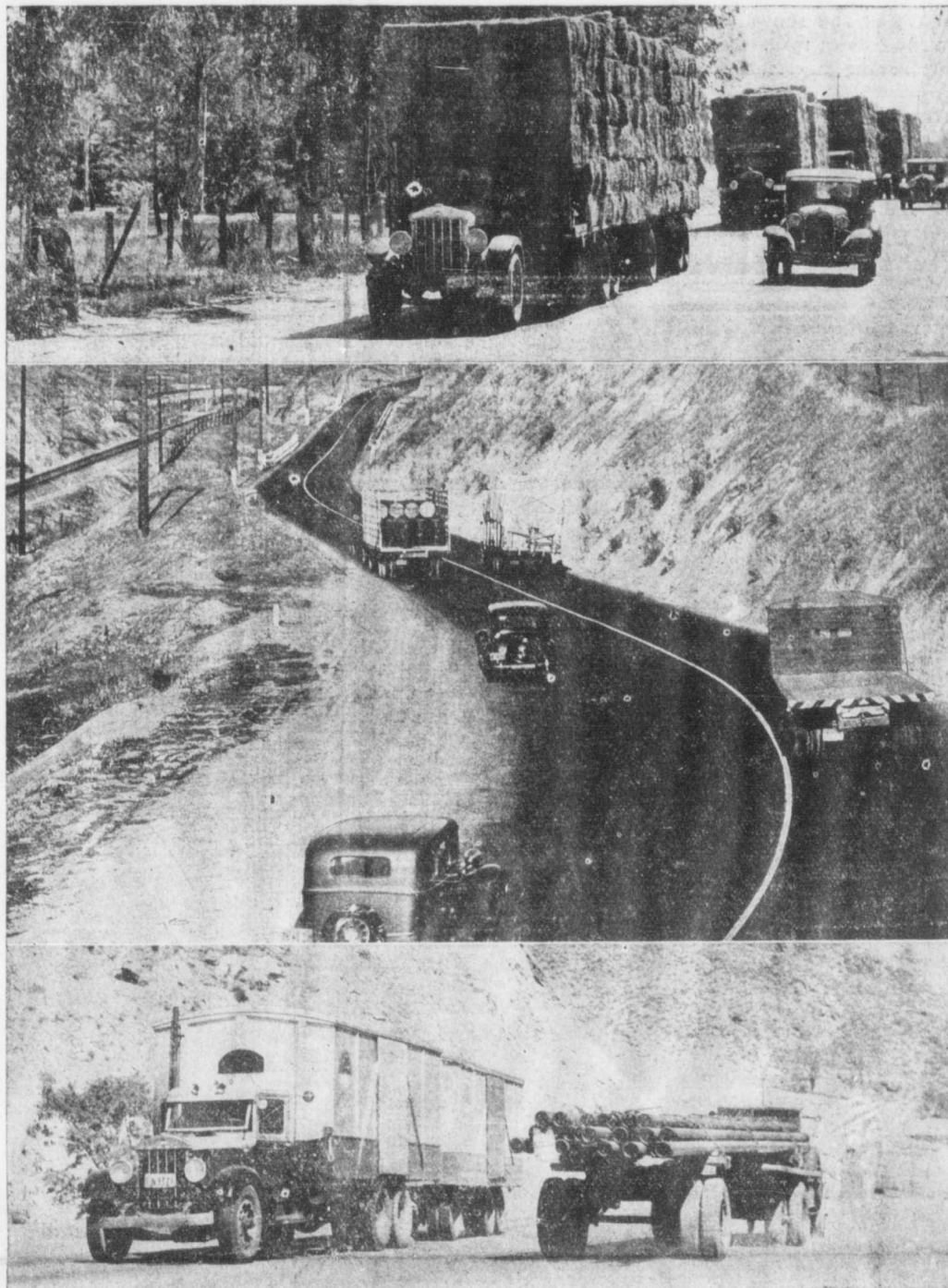
He is an eloquent orator and is in strong demand on the lecture platform.

When asked by The Desert Sun yesterday regarding his resignation, Dr. Williamson admitted that it was true that he had asked to be released, but said he had no announcement to make regarding his future plans.

The annual Hi Jinx of the Junior Chamber of Commerce was held Saturday evening at the Field Club. Dr. Bacon L. Clifton had charge of the program, and Francis Crocker, president of the group, presided. Chuck Abbott had charge of the barbecue.

Earl Coffman and his son, Owen; and H. E. "Pat" Patterson and his son, Bobby, are making preparations for their annual horseback trip to Lake Arrowhead. The ride will be over desert and mountains by easy stages, and four or five days will be required.

No Room For the Poor Motorist



Upper photo shows passenger cars forced into the line of traffic while trying to pass five slow-moving hay trucks (with trailers) on Highway 99 in the west part of Banning. It looks like a Sunday afternoon scene in San Geronimo Pass. In center picture, autos are held up by a slow truck passing another in Altamont Pass. Notice the truck passing on the curve. Bottom picture shows heavy trucking monopolizing the highway in Grapevine Canyon, Kern county. Cuts furnished through the courtesy of Division of Highways, State Department of Public Works.



This is the delicate instrument used to detect carbon monoxide in the driver's compartment of trucks or other automobiles. From left to right, the men in the picture are Chief of Police Eddie Miller, Safety Engineer John T. Bragg and Chief Safety Engineer John P. McNabb of the Colonial Mutual Compensation Insurance Co., and State Motor Patrolmen Doyle Jessup and Ray Dillon of Banning.

Carbon Monoxide Menaces Travelers on Local Highway

(By Carl Barkow)

What are the principal causes of highway accidents in this vicinity?

E. Raymond Cato, chief of the California Highway patrol, believes carbon monoxide fumes in the cabs of trucks is a contributing factor, which has been borne out by recent investigations.

Chief Cato sent three safety engineers employed by the Colonial Mutual Compensation Insurance

Company, here last week, who, assisted by State Traffic Officers Doyle Jessup, George Redwine, Ray Dillon, Charles Gandy, and Chief of Police Eddie Miller, stopped trucks on the highway east of Banning, and tested the air in truck cabs for carbon monoxide. They also made blood tests of the truck drivers.

The men who made the tests here were John P. McNabb, chief safety

engineer; Wayne C. Wyman and John Bragg, safety engineers, all employees of the Colonial Mutual Compensation Insurance Co.

Their findings were appalling. Carbon monoxide in sufficient quantities in many cases to cause extreme drowsiness, headaches, sleep, or possible death, was found in the cabs of many trucks. There were numerous cases of .07 per cent saturation, whereas .08 per cent will kill in 40 minutes. Two cupsful of carbon monoxide gas in the cab of a truck would kill the driver. Blood count of 70 per cent saturation will kill, yet they found one truck driver who had 85 per cent saturation. A few minutes more and the man would have died.

Carbon monoxide was found to be as prevalent in diesel engine trucks as in any others. It is believed the principal cause of the deadly gas in the driver's compartment is due to "tail wind" and improperly adjusted carburetors. There being no draft to carry away the fumes beneath a slow-moving truck traveling east with the wind, the fumes enter the driver's compartment through the floor board. Carbon monoxide having no odor or color, and being tasteless, it cannot be detected. The first symptoms of the gas are sleepiness or headache, and death may follow quickly. However, the driver usually falls "asleep at the wheel," and then most anything may happen. A wreck results, and by the time the driver can be examined, all traces of carbon monoxide poisoning have disappeared.

For three nights every truck passing over the Whitewater grade east of Banning was stopped by the officers and safety engineers. A sensitive recording instrument was installed in the driver's compartment by an engineer, who then rode several miles in the vehicle and noted the conditions as recorded on the instrument. If sufficient carbon monoxide was found to affect the driver, a test was made of his blood.

Engineer Wayne C. Wyman stat

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IMPORTANT FIRMS LEASE PLAZA SHOPS

Manager Robert Ransom of the Palm Springs Plaza Project, announced this week that there is strong demand for the shops now under construction, and that leases have only been made to the highest type of business establishments. He stated that the lease for the huge public market will probably be made soon.

There will be parking space along the Plaza for 84 cars, or more than can be parked along both sides of Palm Canyon Drive from the Standard Oil Station to Hotel The Oasis, for only 64 cars can be parked along the latter street in that distance.

Seven applications have been filed for the lease on the restaurant. All leases are for a period of five years.

Among the firms that will open in the Plaza project this fall are the following:

Tweeds and Weeds of Santa Barbara, importers of fabrics from England. This is a large firm, with main offices in London. They have taken a shop fronting on Palm Canyon Drive.

Glenwood Motors of Riverside, third largest distributors of Chrysler cars in California, will have the Chrysler and Plymouth agency with a show room opposite the Plaza Service Station. L. L. Baron will be local manager, and the Plaza Garage will be the service representative.

Madame Kalish, president of the Shop of Charm, Inc., has leased one of the Plaza shops, and will operate it in connection with her shop in the Carnell building, where she also has a five-year lease. The Plaza Shop, however, will have an entirely different type of merchandise, dealing chiefly in high-grade wearing apparel.

Paul Turner, head of the Pocket Book Shops of Southern California, has taken a prominent location opposite the Plaza Theatre entrance. The firm deals in leather goods.

Alleen's Library has leased one of the rooms facing Palm Canyon Boulevard for a period of two years.

Leases previously announced in The Desert Sun include the Plaza Theatre, which will be operated by Earle Strehbe; the Plaza Pharmacy by H. E. "Pat" Patterson; Plaza Garage and the Plaza Service Station by Joe Omlin, H. D. McNeer and P. B. Churchman.

COWBOY CLIFF FRAGER ANSWERS LAST ROUNDUP

Cliff Frager, old-time cowboy and well known on the local desert, has gone to the "last roundup." He was 45 and died from an infection of the throat, probably the result of being gassed while serving his country in France during the World War.

Cliff, as he was affectionately known by his hundreds of friends, was a picturesque character, garbed in his cowboy dress.

It is said that he taught most of the children of the community how to ride, for he loved children and the children loved him.

It seemed that most everyone in the village gathered at O'Donnell's Golf Course, Tuesday afternoon, just after the sun had set over the brow of Mt. San Jacinto, to pay their final tribute to this beloved cowboy.

Among those attending were personages prominent in the business life of Palm Springs and in Los Angeles and in the East, as well as leading members of the film colony. An American flag draped the coffin of the cowboy, who as a member of the A.E.F. in France was gassed in action.

Bernardine Clark, daughter of Bert Clark, Los Angeles banker, flew to the top of San Jacinto Mountain to gather flowers for the funeral services.

Rev. B. B. Weatherall, who conducted the outdoor funeral service, said: "This is just as Cliff Frager would have wanted it. He loved the outdoors; he loved the desert; and most of all he loved children. He delighted to ride the range or the mountain trail, and he brought happiness and cheer to those whom he contacted."

"The Last Roundup" was played by the Desert Inn Trio, as a final tribute to the man who was known and loved by hundreds of desert visitors from all parts of the world.

Friends are sincere in their belief

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CAMP RULES FOR PUBLIC REVEALED BY OFFICIALS

William V. Jones, supervisor in charge of the San Bernardino National Forest, has just received word from the regional forester at San Francisco that the following regulations for fire protection for the season of 1936 were effective May 1, 1936:

1. Every camper on the National Forest must first secure a camp fire permit regardless of the fact that the camper's fire may be built in a stove in a public camp ground.
 2. As one of the terms of this camp fire permit, the camper agrees to carry a shovel and axe in each automobile or camp train party camping within the National Forest.
 3. This regulation prohibits the discharge of fireworks within the National Forest during fire season.
- Supervisor Jones is endeavoring to postpone the date of closure of the areas within the San Bernardino National Forest ordinarily closed to public use during the fire season for as long as possible in order to give the fishermen the advantage of more week-ends for their sport. The date of the closures of these areas has been tentatively set at May 18.
- Supervisor Jones urges that all campers read carefully the requirements set forth on reverse side of the camp fire permit issued to them by Forest officers or regularly appointed camp fire permit agents.

LIVACICH FAILS IN PLEA FOR LENIENCY

John Livacich, Banning hotel man, must serve a maximum of three years at San Quentin, under sentence pronounced by Superior Court Judge Charles L. Allison at San Bernardino Monday. The charge is negligent homicide which resulted in the death of Billy Gene Diedrich at Yucaipa on January 9. Another count of the indictment, hit-and-run driving, was dismissed.

Attorneys for Livacich pleaded for leniency on the ground that Livacich is afflicted with tuberculosis. He came to Banning for his health many years ago and became prominently identified with the progress of this city.

"A prison sentence," Livacich's attorney said, "will in my opinion amount to a death sentence." He called attention to reports of several physicians who had examined Livacich since his arrest and who declared that they noted recurring symptoms of the disease.

Judge Allison briefly reviewed the case before announcing his decision.

"One must bear in mind," he said, "that the state provides adequate hospitalization for those who are in ill health. This man was the driver of a car which crossed to the wrong side of the highway to strike down an innocent child. He did not stop the car, but continued on. He denied any connection with the case until confronted with complete proof of his guilt. Under those circumstances, I cannot see my way clear to grant probation."

Young Diedrich was instantly killed as he pushed a wagon carrying his cousin, 11-year-old Bobby Goucher, along the highway in the rain. The car which hit them skidded across the highway to the wrong side, stopped, and after a brief pause, raced away.

Livacich told Joe B. Babcock, assistant probation officer, that he had no knowledge that he hit the boy until three days later, when he read accounts in a newspaper.

WATER RISING IN MEAD LAKE SAYS OFFICIAL REPORT

Storage water in Mead Lake above Boulder Dam increased 610,000 acre feet during the month of April, according to figures released today by James H. Gordon, U. S. Meteorologist at Yuma.

Gordon stated that the total volume of water behind Boulder Dam on April 30 was estimated at 4,370,000 acre feet, compared with 3,760,000 feet at the beginning of the month. The highest storage yet recorded in Mead lake was 4,650,000 acre feet last July.

Discharge for the month at Grand Canyon was 1,298,000 acre feet, compared with 714,000 acre feet last April. Snow reports in the hands of the weather bureau indicate that the runoff will continue higher than normal all season.

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SLOW PROGRESS ON IDYLLWILD ROAD REPORTED

County prisoners continue to "peg away" with pick and shovel on the new Banning-Idyllwild road. Because of lack of finances the steam shovel is idle.

This proposed A-1 high-year road cannot be built by hand labor. It will require a steam shovel to get at the "intestines" of the topography along this scenic route.

The county board on Monday appropriated \$2,200 with which to keep the prisoners at work—by hand.

A demand for a suitable appropriation for the construction of this road, under the budget to be adopted in July, is in good order.

STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO MAKE TOUR OF HIGHWAYS

About 20 cars carrying representatives of the State Chamber of Commerce and other officials will be in a caravan starting today on the annual inspection of state highways. This practice was established by the State Chamber several years ago.

Los Angeles proposed major arterials in the metropolitan area will be inspected by the group. A master plan of wide cross-town thoroughfares forming the basis for the Los Angeles district's highway construction plan. Then the tour will head southward through Irvine on the inland route and over to the coast at Laguna Beach. The Ramona, La Mesa and El Cajon districts will be visited when the tour reaches San Diego, before heading east toward El Centro.

El Centro will be the overnight stop, with dinner planned Thursday evening at the Barbara Worth hotel. Early Friday morning, the caravan will start north, viewing a number of improvements in the desert area. Sections from Oasis to Indio, Indio to White-water and the Palm Springs cut-off will be inspected during the morning.

Luncheon will be served at Redlands, at which time the construction requirements of the Redlands and Big Bear valley districts will be presented.

Civic leaders propose a new route east out of Redlands, replacing the present narrow Roosevelt road. Improvement of the Mill creek entrance to Big Bear valley, and construction of the Barton Flats-Big Bear cut-off will be discussed.

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JOBS FOR YOUTH

The Riverside National Youth Administration recreation project now has work available for more than 60 youths in the city and county.

To be eligible for NYA work all applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 25 and a member of a relief family. If a member of a family is working on a WPA project it will not interfere with NYA placement.

Wages paid youth is in accordance with their occupational classification, ranging from \$16 to \$25 a month on a basis of forty working hours, to be spread over a four week period of any portion as may best serve individual cases. The majority now working spend a two hour working period five days a week.

Applications under a new ruling, from 16 to 18 years of age may attend school part-time, and those from 18 to 25 may attend full time and still be eligible for NYA work.

Those interested must first register with the NRS bureau at 3764 Tenth street, Riverside. After receiving identification card then report to NYA for certification at 12th and Chestnut, where work assignments will be given.

Assignments include typing, clerical and general office work, statistical and research work, music, stage and drama, social, sport, and playground recreation. Also continuance of an individual's vocational training if adaptable for use on the project.

It is urged that all eligible youth register at the NRS, 3764 Tenth street, Riverside, so that work assignments on the project can be made at once to those certified.

RILEY PLAYS LIQUOR PLAN

State Controller Riley charged at San Francisco today the State Board of Equalization is trying to "sold bribe" the people of California.

In an address before the taxation section of the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco Riley caustically criticized the Equalization Board's proposed amendment to create a tax commission and a liquor control board as an effort to build a political organization that would "dominate elections for years to come."

"Apparently the spirit of Huey Long carries on in California," he said.

The amendment of the constitution which the State Board of Equalization has drafted would raise Riley's salary as a member, from \$4000 to \$8000 a year, but he says he will have no part in the movement. Salaries of other members would be raised from \$5000 to \$8000.

Have The Desert Sun follow you this summer.

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WE HAVE ANOTHER GREAT LOSS

In the passing of Charles D. Hamilton of Banning, Riverside county has sustained another great loss. It is with pride and pleasure that the writer reflects on his pleasant relations with Charley Hamilton at a time when cooperation from other parts of the county meant so much to the Coachella Valley.

It was such men as Charley Hamilton that made Riverside county. It is not necessary to recite all his activities here. Enough to say that he belonged in the same class with C. O. Barker, Sam Evans, Bill Clancy, John Shaver and Frank A. Miller of Riverside. All of them have passed away during the last few years. Father Time has laid a heavy hand on us. There are a few of the old "stalwarts" left but they are passing into retirement. Younger men are coming on to take their places. Not all of them will be found to make good. But some of them will be found to stand the acid test and 20 or 30 years from now they too will be revered and respected.

It was such men as Charley Hamilton that laid the foundation for the younger men to build upon, if they will.—Indio Date Palm.

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PLANS MADE FOR PUBLIC CAMP AT PASS LOCATION

A public camp is planned for the Tri-Counties farm site (former Mel-len ranch) located five miles north of Beaumont.

Some twenty years ago Riverside, Orange and Imperial counties united in buying the ranch. Plans were made for establishing a tuberculosis sanatorium there. Nothing ever materialized in the building program.

Recently Orange and Imperial counties sold their interest in the site to Riverside county. Recommendation that a portion of the tri-counties farm, now property of Riverside county, be equipped with camping facilities for use by county residents, was put before the board of supervisors by Mrs. Jane H. Dodge, director of the county bureau of welfare and relief, and J. W. Fitzpatrick, social service worker last Monday.

It was stated that such a plan is especially desirable for those who come out of the desert district each summer, rentals for whom must in many cases be underwritten by the welfare department.

Other suggestions included the following:

That the board have the two houses on the property put into good condition.

That the county bureau of welfare and relief be authorized to place on the farm two families who are now recipients of county aid, selected with a view of securing for them a Federal rural rehabilitation.

That the 17 acres of the farm that

MODERN VIADUCT OVER R. R. TRACKS NEAR BEAUMONT

The viaduct over the S. P. tracks near Beaumont is steadily taking form under the direction of the contractors, Byerts & Dunn of Los Angeles. The location is east of the old viaduct and the improvement will serve traffic on the new Beaumont-Riverside Highway 60 section.

Carpenters have been at work on the structure for some time. On Tuesday a steel construction crew started work.

can be placed under cultivation, be divided between the two families and that the rental be apportioned to them according to the number of acres used by each, and that the rentals total approximately \$45 per month.

That a portion of the farm be set aside as a nursery for the growing of such trees as could later be used by the county, either for reforestation purposes or for highway decoration; that the care of the nursery be undertaken by one of the two families located on the farm, and that such activity be considered as payment of a portion of the rental.

Regarding the camp proposal(it was suggested that the county may be saved considerable expense and at the same time derive additional income from the farm. To care for campers, it was stated it would be necessary for the board to authorize the building of outside toilets and perhaps the clearing of some land to make it suitable for camping purposes. The purchase of five or six fair-sized tents for the use of those who do not have their own camping equipment was also suggested.

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Thoughts on Things

Harvey Johnson

The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church at Columbus, Ohio, committed itself to a program of unification with all Methodist branches to form the world's largest Protestant body—a Methodist church having 8,000,000 members in 42 countries. Sounds reasonable. The objective is paradise. It's like climbing Mount San Jacinto; there may be many trails leading to the top. Just so in denominations—all trying to get to the same goal over various trails.

All liquor vendors had a vacation, election day. That's right and proper. We don't know whether it makes much difference, so far as results go. If the majority in California in past elections, who voted in some initiatives and referendums, had been on a big toot on election day, they couldn't have voted less intelligently than they did. We got some queer freaks of legislation in California, put there by mass voting that didn't know what it was all about.

In Colorado the federal government has turned the ips over to the C.C.C. boys to conquer. Every boy in camp is supposed to go out and get his daily dozen of ips, a beetle that attacks and kills pine trees. More power to the CCC ipers.

Trout fishing season opened last Friday and, as the cub reporter wrote, "a good time was had by all"; except in the case of two anglers, one of which caught a big fish from Redondo pier and died of heart disease in the excitement. The county recorder of Tulare county lost his voice on the opening day and is fishing around to get it back. While sitting on a stump in the middle of a lake, a huge fish grabbed his hook and turned him round and round. He yelled for help, and cold wind froze his vocal chords.

Local anglers returned home after a day of exercise and with mingled emotions. Some got the limits while others did not make a contact. Every angler started out an optimist and some came home pessimists at the end of a perfect day.

Many enjoyed canned salmon on the opening day of the trout season. All one has to have in order to open the canned salmon season, is a can and a can-opener. There'll be nobody around, crowding you, and casting fish-hooks in your hair or wrapping fishing-lines about your neck. When in doubt catch a can of salmon at your favorite grocer's.

OUT FISHIN'

A feller isn't mean,
Out fishin';
His thots are mostly good and clean,
Out fishin';
He doesn't knock his fellow-men,
Or harbour any grudges then;
A feller's at his finest, when
Out fishin';

A feller's glad to have a friend,
Out fishin';
A helpin' hand he'll always lend,
Out fishin';
The brotherhood of rod an' line
An' sky an' stream is always fine;
Men come real close to God's design,
Out fishin'.

A feller isn't plottin' schemes,
Out fishin';
He's only busy with his dreams,
Out fishin';
His livery's a coat of tan;
His creed: To do the best he can;
A feller's always mostly man,
Out fishin'.

—Rockland House, Ontario.

U. S. APPROVES CALIF. AGE PLAN, GRANT MADE

The social security board at Washington has approved California's old age subsistence plan and made a retroactive grant of \$2,700,000 to make the plan effective as of April 1.

California was the thirty-second state to obtain federal approval of an old age subsistence plan. The grant will be matched by the state, the board said, and will provide payments to 68,575 beneficiaries. Payments will total not more than \$30 monthly.

The board said 5 per cent of the California old age subsistence plan funds would be used in administrative costs. The federal government's share of the money will be sent to California within 10 days.

PETITION FILED IN CONNECTION WITH HAMILTON ESTATE

Contents of a petition to prove the last will and testament of the late C. D. Hamilton of Banning reveal that the widow, Mrs. Theodora Noble Hamilton, was left the estate and is named executrix to serve without bond. Mrs. Geneva R. Roberge is attorney for the executrix.

The petition in Superior court reveals that the estate is worth approximately \$100,000, with Mrs. Hamilton the sole heir. If she had preceded Mr. Hamilton in death, the will provided that Mr. Hamilton's sister, Mary E. Ellis of Banning and Miriam Noble of Riverside, a sister of Mrs. Hamilton would share equally in the estate. Half of the \$100,000 property is represented in real estate located in Southern California, and the other half is in personal property, including stocks and bonds.

THAT SIGN MUST GO DOWN SOON—OR ELSE?

Imperial county supervisors, must move fast if they want to avoid a suit in the courts to compel removal of a highway sign for which the El Centro Chamber of Commerce staged a long and losing battle.

The sign is at the junction of Highway No. 26 and recently opened cut-off leading to highway 60—near Indio, where the road to Arizona via Blythe takes off from the Los Angeles-Imperial Valley highway.

It was ordered removed by the state highway commission for the reason that it violated the state law. Robert Hays, El Centro Chamber of Commerce secretary, and Henry Harris, motor court proprietor at El Centro, asked supervisors to father the sign after Hays had been notified to see to its removal.

In November Earl Redwine, district attorney of Riverside county wrote to Imperial county supervisors advising that the attorney general of California had requested him to start legal proceedings in two weeks if the sign was not removed.

Hays asked the board to request authority to board up the sign.

Now Redwine writes the department of public works saying the board, and covering is not satisfactory. Therefore "I am writing to notify you that unless the sign is taken down and removed by May 10, 1936, I shall be obliged to institute legal proceedings against Imperial county to accomplish that result. I request that you see the sign is immediately removed and notify this office to that effect."

IT'S A WEAK DEFENSE

It is by no means a legal defense that one drives within the speed limit at the time of an accident, reminds the Public Safety Department of the National Automobile Club. The law requires, entirely apart from specified speed limits, that cars shall be kept under such control that they can be handled with safety under all conditions—including conditions which might dictate driving at a speed of only five miles per hour.

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Economic Highlights

Natural wish of Congressmen in an election year is to wind up national business as soon as possible and return home to apply themselves to the serious game of politics. This year, with all forecasters holding that the warfare waged by the major parties will be unusually bitter and relentless, Congressmen have been more than eager to say goodbye to Capitol Hill. But a crowded legislative calendar long ago dissipated hopes for an April or May adjournment. At this writing, there is a reasonable expectancy that Congress will write "finis" by mid-June—but don't be at all surprised if the session continues into the sweltering weather. For little has been done in the way of law-making, and a large number of important bills will have to be either passed or rejected before quiet falls over our legislative halls.

Here is the status of major proposed legislation at present:

Corporation Surplus Tax — First forecast was that this tax would pass easily in just about the form asked by the President. However, there has been something of a shift of sentiment and a number of leading Democratic representatives seem very cool to his ideas. Business is making felt its belief that such a tax would be ruinous. Upshot is that the House bill is likely to be relatively mild, though what the Senate will do to it is still in the realm of conjecture. One thing is certain: There will be a great deal of debate and plenty of hard feelings, before a bill goes to the White House.

Chain Store Bills: A number of these are pending in one branch of Congress or the other, and some have been entirely lost to view. Bills dealing with "price discrimination," rebates, etc., have met the opposition of powerful groups which believe them basically unsound and unnecessary, and inimical to the consumer's interest.

Thirty-Hour Week: A bill to force this on business has been pending for several Congressional sessions, has a certain amount of support. But, unless all signs are wrong, it has no chance to pass, may not even come up for a vote. It's a ticklish subject, either way Congressmen vote they will offend powerful interests. They'd rather just forget it.

Wheeler-Crosser Bill: This act would make it just about impossible for the railroads to dismiss any employees without large compensation. It has the unified support of labor, the unified opposition of railroad managements. Outlook for passage highly uncertain.

Ship Subsidy: The merchant marine is vitally interested in regaining lost mail subsidies, claims they are essential to operation. But many Congressmen are on the other side of the fence, and it is doubtful if shipping lines will get pay in line with old levels.

Rural Electrification: This, like all power legislation, is close to the heart of the President. Seems sure to pass both houses. Some of the points business thought objectionable in the original bill will probably be eliminated or changed.

Better Housing: Chaos seems to have struck the housing movement, and the proposed bill to carry on isn't given much chance of becoming law. Odd fact is that Federal backing of more and better homes was one New Deal idea that had wide support, and was criticized to a much smaller extent than most other controversial proposals.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES

"Adam and Fallen Man" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon on Sunday in all branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass. The Golden Text is from Isaiah: "Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for where is he, to be accounted of?"

One of the Bible selections in the Lesson-Sermon cites these words of Paul to the Romans: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Another selection contains Paul's words to the Ephesians: "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

The Lesson-Sermon includes also these passages from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "The real man is spiritual and immortal, but the mortal and imperfect so-called 'children of men' are counterfeits from the beginning, to be laid aside for the pure reality. This mortal is put off, and the new man or real man is put on, in proportion as mortals realize the Science of man and seek the true model."

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tent than most other controversial proposals. Congress is going to have to move fast if it covers its calendar and is home in June. About the only thing completed so far has been the Senate's impeachment and removal from office of a Federal judge—one of the very few impeachment trials on record where an official has been found guilty by the necessary two-thirds vote. So, the newspapers of the next few weeks should carry considerable volume of important news from the Capitol.

The extremely conservative "Annalist" forecasts that business improvement will continue throughout the second quarter, and in this is seconded by other financial and industrial periodicals. The Annalist adds that "on the basis of economic factors alone the logical expectations would be two or three years of generally active conditions. But the presence of artificial elements suggests the likelihood of intervening peaks and valleys, the timing of which cannot be readily foreseen."

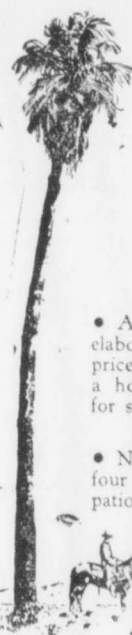
One of the artificial elements is the veterans' bonus, which is believed to have had a strong influence in stimulating business, particularly businesses whose products are sold on the time-payment plan—automobiles, kitchen appliances, real estate, etc. Concerns throughout the country have widely advertised plans whereby veterans can buy now, pay later when they get their Baby Bonds.

Irrespective of that, basic conditions seem favorable to continuance of business betterment. Wholesale prices have long held to a stable level. There is a vast unfilled market for all manner of goods and services. Heavy industry is reviving. Interest rates are very low, and show no signs of rising. And the purchaser of goods, whether a vacuum cleaner, a car or a home, can get what he wants on much easier terms than ever before.

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SOUND AND FURY

The sound and fury of that ghastly head-on crash of two trucks on Golden State highway six miles south of Tulare the other day must have echoed in the bones of every man who read of it.

Traffic was blocked for five hours. It was four hours before the blazing wreckage cooled sufficiently to permit extracting three charred bodies. One of the dead left a widow and several children.

No one could identify the skeletons. The heads had been burned off all three.

Oil and grease and paper products in the heavily laden northbound truck had exploded. This truck was thought to have veered to the wrong side of the road, crashing into the other.

It was only coincidence that blazing death was not poured on a whole family out for a drive, or perhaps on a school bus loaded with children.

The state has been asked to speed action to reduce the menace of big vehicles on the highways. But it has never been asked so eloquently as this.

The American Telephone and Telegraph is said to be the world's largest single enterprise. Its total assets run over \$5,000,000,000. It controls 85 per cent of the telephones of the country and pays its president, Walter S. Gifford, \$206,000 a year salary. That's too much money. Country editors work harder than telephone company presidents and don't get as much.

It is interesting to note that out of the 47,078 injury accidents of 1935 in the state of California, bicycles were involved in 1260 of these cases, according to the statistics of the California Highway patrol. There were 41 killed, all males. Lady bicyclists appear to be artful dodgers.

The needy have to be cared for. We cannot let people starve. The evil lies in the fact that if a thousand men need relief, several thousand politicians have to form into a Government bureau to attend to the job and they draw many times the amount from this relief fund that the needy do.—Delphos Republican.

Some say flying is hazardous. So is walking. It is comforting, or rather enlightening, to know that in the United States last year, mules killed more people than airplane caused deaths. Statistics show that more persons in 1935 were killed by mules than were killed in airplane accidents. Any mule's foot is loaded with dynamite.

WEEDS

Weeds cost the state of California sixty million dollars a year. This estimate is made by Dr. W. W. Robbins, head of the botany division of the University of California college of agriculture, on the Davis campus. The loss in the United States is estimated at three billion dollars. Dr. Robbins believes that California suffers more loss from damage by weeds than most other parts of the nation.

One way, by which a bumper weed crop can be assured, is to plant a garden. Weeds do very nicely in the average garden.

Cigarette smokers of the United States contributed \$402,000,000 in taxes to the government last year. Estimated consumption of cigarettes this year is 141,000,000,000, more than six million miles "if placed end to end." That represents a lot of money going up in smoke.

Some say that the Italo-Ethiopian war is nearing its end. If Italy has its way, what will become of Ethiopia, a country older than the Christian era? They may be, at this moment, a vanishing people.

An eastern publication is making an effort to determine what is the oldest joke in the world, and the Atlanta Journal says: "We don't know, but 'elect me and I'll reduce taxes' dates a long ways back."

The Johnstown flood of 1889 cost 2,209 lives and a property damage of \$10,000,000. The recent Johnstown and other floods cost sixteen lives and a property loss of between three and ten million. When Old Man River goes on a spree he is a hard hombre to handle before he sobers up.

"SAFETY FIRST"

Trinity Church, New York City, published the following prayer for motorists:

"Grant me a steady hand and a watchful eye.
That no man shall be hurt when I pass by.
Thou gavest life, and I pray no act of mine
May take away or mar that gift of Thine.
Shelter those, dear Lord, who bear me company,
From the evils of fire and all calamity.
Teach me to use my car for others' need,
Nor miss through love of speed
The beauties of Thy world; that thus I may
With joy and courtesy go on my way."

Trinity, one of the oldest of New York's churches, had the prayer printed on cards for distribution.

DEATH VALLEY SCOTTY

That beloved blusterer, Death Valley Scotty, is at it again—his favorite sport—gathering publicity where and when he may. This time, he's going to make a tropical jungle, maybe even a garden, out of Death Valley, with waters from the Boulder Dam. He expects, says he, to carry water through a pipeline across the Amargosa desert and through a proposed Charleston Mountains tunnel in Nevada. And as the tallest feather in his cap, he expects to introduce tropical plants and wild animals into the valley, creating a national zoo.

The mystery of Death Valley Scotty is almost as thrilling as the mystery of the valley, itself, for neither has ever been solved. The man who made a world's record cross-continent dash years ago, paying cash for the special train he used, and flashing gold all along the way; the man who built a palace in Death Valley and invited his friends to visit him, to prove it was there as well as to entertain them in his royally-inclined way, has never been "unveiled." Countless stories have been written. Tales have been told, quoting his blustery declarations regarding fabulous wealth in gold, the location of which in Death Valley, he claimed is known only by him. Those who claim some rich benefactor has financed him in his spendthrift ways still only surmise.

We love him, not only because he still keeps us in suspense, but because we also know he is one of the smartest, keenest "desert rats" who ever found water where water "isn't." We read of him with zest because he's accused of being a "four-flusher" and not a soul knows whether he is or he isn't. We hope he gets a zoo in Death Valley.—Santa Ana Register.

MOTOR BLOODSHED

Spring is here! And to millions of us, the lure of the open road will soon become irresistible. Then off we'll go, for fishing trips, picnics, sight-seeing drives.

Last year, 36,000 bloody corpses dotted the streets and highways of the United States. This year, if the ten per cent of drivers who cause 90 per cent of the accidents aren't curbed, the record will be worse.

Do you belong to that 10 per cent? You'll undoubtedly say you don't—it's a rare driver who will admit to carelessness or recklessness or incompetence. And here's hoping you really don't. But it won't do you any harm to think over your driving practices.

Do you ever pass on curves or hills? If so, you have been guilty of an act that has caused thousands of fatalities and millions of injuries.

Do you ever drive on the wrong side of the road, or weave in and out of traffic, impatient to save a few minutes to be spent later telling your friends what a hot-shot driver you are? If so, you are a potential killer.

Do you regard speed restrictions as something for the other fellow—who, naturally, isn't in your class as a driver—to obey, and for you to break at will? Excessive speed is the principal single cause of motor bloodshed.

Do you drink and drive? Alcohol and gasoline mix into a fuel that has taken a legion of people on the longest journey of all—to the Great Beyond.

Do you put off repairs to your car until a tomorrow that may never come? Bad brakes, defective lights, uncertain steering are friends of the casket maker.—Pacific Coast Manufacturer.

A Washington political writer says the dream of a left wing third party in 1936 is as dead as Huey Long himself, and adds: "There is no one to lead it and no time to develop a leader. O. K. Allen is a joke. Coughlin? Don't make me laugh. LaFollette? Too smart—he'll wait until there is a chance. Ditto to Wheeler. Norris? Too old, and besides he is too much like Roosevelt."

If tired of golf, try hoeing weeds and devil grass about the home. Those who have tried this exercise profess not to like it.

Your Strawberry Jelly is Safe! Army of Women Test Your Recipes



Mrs. Irma Shwedo (top left) of Staten Island, New York, and Mrs. Frank Sullivan (lower right) of Bellmore, Long Island, are typical of the hundreds of home-testers who try out recipes before they are recommended to housewives. Marjorie Loud (upper right) is one of a staff of women chemists who do the laboratory work on the recipes.

WHAT every woman should know, now that strawberries are here and jelly making is swinging again, is that a small army of kitchen chemists and practical housewives have tested every short-bottle jam and jelly recipe recommended for her use. It's a common thing for as many as 300 or 400 women to test one strawberry jelly recipe before it is released for the 20,000,000 homemakers who make jams and jellies every year.

Only women chemists are employed in the laboratory where short-bottle recipes are perfected. When they have done their work, the recipes are farmed out to "home testers," hundreds of average housewives scattered throughout the country. Chemists are aware that the exact methods of their laboratories may be too precise for the home. So they submit them to a practical test as well. From the sum total of these experiments, come sure-fire instructions such as these:

Strawberry Jelly

4 cups (2 lbs.) berry juice
2 tablespoons lemon juice
8 cups (2 1/2 lbs.) sugar
1 bottle fruit pectin

To prepare juice, crush thoroughly or grind about 3 quarts fully ripe berries. Place fruit in jelly cloth bag and squeeze out juice.

Squeeze and strain juice from 1 medium lemon.

Measure sugar and fruit juices into large saucepan and mix. Bring to a boil over hottest fire and at once add bottled fruit pectin, stirring constantly. Then bring to a full rolling boil and boil hard 1 1/2 minutes. Remove from fire, skim, pour quickly. Paraffin hot jelly at once. Makes about 12 glasses (6 fluid ounces each).

Strawberry Jam

4 cups (2 lbs.) prepared fruit
6 1/2 cups (2 3/4 lbs.) sugar
1 box powdered fruit pectin

To prepare fruit, grind about 2 quarts fully ripe berries or crush completely one layer at a time so that each berry is reduced to a pulp.

Measure sugar into dry dish and set aside until needed. Measure prepared fruit into a 5 to 6 quart kettle, filling up last cup or fraction of cup with water if necessary; place over hottest fire. Add powdered fruit pectin, mix well, and continue stirring until mixture comes to a hard boil. At once pour in sugar, stirring constantly. (To reduce foaming, 1/4 teaspoon butter may be added.) Continue stirring, bring to a full rolling boil, and boil hard 1 minute. Remove from fire, skim, pour quickly. Paraffin hot jam at once. Makes about 10 glasses (6 fluid ounces each).

MOTHERS' DAY SURPRISES



By BETTY BARCLAY

Ease of preparation and novelty are the two important factors in preparing a Mothers' Day dinner—for that is the day of the year the other members of the family make the meal and surprise Mother.

Spaghetti Rarebit is an ideal main dish. Not only is it delicious and nourishing, but economical, easy to prepare and sure to become a prime favorite with every member of the family.

Spaghetti Rarebit

1/2 lb. spaghetti
1/2 lb. grated cheese
2 eggs
1 cup milk
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons flour
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
Salt and pepper

Make a cream sauce of the butter, flour, mustard, pepper, salt and milk. When thick, add grated cheese and cook till cheese melts. Add well-beaten eggs and Worcestershire sauce and cook about 7 minutes, stirring constantly.

Boil spaghetti in plenty of well salted water, until tender. Drain. Place on platter and pour rarebit over it. Serves 4 to 6.

Fresh Fruit Refrigerator Cake

Here is the simplest of all cakes to prepare, for it can be made long before time for serving and will not dry out or lose its luscious flavor.

1 1/2 cups (one can) sweetened condensed milk
3/4 cup lemon juice
1 cup quartered cherries, whole raspberries or sliced strawberries
24 vanilla wafers

Blend together sweetened condensed milk and lemon juice. Add prepared fruit. Line narrow, oblong pan or spring form cake pan with wax paper. Cover with fruit mix-

ture. Add layer of wafers, alternating in this way until fruit mixture is used, finishing with layer of wafers. Chill in refrigerator six hours or longer. To serve, turn out on small platter and carefully remove wax paper. Top may be decorated with fruit. Cut in slices and serve plain or with whipped cream. Serves 8.

Iced Pineapple Coffee

Drink to the health of Mother with iced pineapple coffee—a healthful, delicious drink that will prove delightful.

3/4 cups sugar
3/4 cup water
1/4 teaspoon grated orange rind
3 cups cold coffee
3/4 cup Hawaiian pineapple juice
3/4 cup cream
3/4 Crushed ice

Boil the sugar, water, and orange rind together for 10 minutes. Cool, strain and add cold coffee. Just before serving add pineapple juice and cream. Serve in tall glasses filled with crushed ice. Serves 6.

An After-Dinner Game

"Politics," a new game invented by Oswald Lord, New York cotton broker, has become the biggest parlor craze next to "Monopoly." With a \$1,000,000 campaign stake and the roll of dice, players try to elect themselves "President of the United States." Colored pins on a large map show control of counties. Since count is by electoral vote, it takes but one point to win a Nevada county; nine to win one in New York.

By paying a \$20,000 radio fee, players draw cards representing platform planks, and so win counties favoring their slogans. Thus the plank, "I favor unlimited coinage of silver," automatically wins counties in silver states. Your guests will enjoy the scramble for political office.

NOTED GUESTS; SOCIAL EVENTS AT DESERT INN

Prominent people are vacationing at the Desert Inn where they are enjoying the lovely month of May.

Miss Jeanette MacDonald, beautiful song-bird of the screen, is enjoying an extended vacation at the Desert Inn. Also here are Mr. and Mrs. William Randolph Hearst, Jr., Randolph Hearst, David Hearst and W. Gardiner, Jr. of New York. Three of Eddie Cantor's charming young daughters, Marjorie, Natalie and Marilyn, are also among the scores of prominent guests.

Last Saturday night's dinner dance in the gardens of the Desert Inn was a brilliant affair. Among those noted dining and dancing at the open air affair were: Mrs. Jay Hormel, Mrs. Molly McAdoo, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Rice Burroughs, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Siegrist and Mr. and Mrs. William McCarthy of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson and others.

Many are planning to attend the Desert Frolic dinner dance at the Inn tomorrow night, Saturday, May 9. The Loyola University ten-piece orchestra which scored a hit here a few weeks ago will come from Los Angeles to play for the affair.

Members of the Rangers division of the Los Angeles Breakfast Club enjoyed a vacation at the Inn last weekend. In the group were: Messrs. Clinton Dille, Harold B. Link, William R. McKay, Leonard Scott, Henry Roemheld, F. E. Bauer, William Woods and others.

Among the recent arrivals at the Desert Inn are: Mrs. Bailey Compton and daughter, Anne Wigton, of Pasadena; R. M. Trezevant; Wm. Pearsall, Los Angeles; Mrs. George Volk of Los Angeles; Miss Betsy Beaton, daughter of K. C. Beaton (the famous "KBC"), and Miss Teddy Lynch of Greenwich, Connecticut; Miss Constance Binney of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Gregg of Pasadena; and scores of others.

Members of the Squires Club of Los Angeles will enjoy a vacation at the Desert Inn this weekend.

DeMolays will hold a dinner dance at the Inn next Friday evening, May 15th with about 150 attending.

DETECTIVE AGENCY OPENS OFFICES IN PALM SPRINGS

Palm Springs now has its first private detective agency with the opening of a temporary summer headquarters in the El Paseo building, according to W. A. Bibee, local manager for Charles A. Jones, former chief of police in Los Angeles, who operates a detective bureau.

Commencing next week, Mr. Bibee and his assistant, Floyd Humphrey, a deputy sheriff of Los Angeles county the past ten years, propose to inaugurate a nightly patrol for those owners of homes or business properties who desire watch kept over them during their absence these summer months.

A statement issued by the manager of the detective agency said: "Ex-Chief Jones cooperates thoroughly with the local, Riverside and Los Angeles peace officers and has a clientele which includes many banking institutions, insurance and oil companies, motion picture studios and stars as well as many of the most prominent leaders in business and society. A member of the Los Angeles Police Department for twenty-three years, Ex-Chief Jones was in charge of the homicide bureau for ten years and before he came to California was employed as a detective for the Hudson Bay Company in Canada. His fund of experience in this work is reflected in the men he employs, all of whom are highly trained detectives under a personal bond to the state."

In opening an office in Palm Springs Mr. Bibee is prepared to undertake any enterprise needing investigation or shadow work, escort or guard duties besides the private patrol of homes. One of his men, Joe O'Neill, was employed to guard against jewel thefts and such-like depredation at a Palm Springs hotel this past season with marked success.

Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Williamson made a trip north this week to visit with their son and his family who reside in Santa Cruz. "I have never seen northern and central California so beautiful," said Dr. Williamson. "Everything is green and there seems to be bumper crops."

Society News

Four Popular Young People Married Sunday

Four of the best known and most popular young people of Palm Springs were married Sunday afternoon, at the same hour, but at different places. The two bridegrooms are employees of Hotel The Oasis, and the brides were connected with local business establishments.

Miss Dorothy Hinkley, a resident of Long Beach, but for several years associated with her brothers, Ernest and Clair Hinkley, florists, was married to George E. Oliver, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Oliver of the Desert Vale, at the Presbyterian church in Riverside.

Mrs. Oliver is a lovely young lady with a very pleasing personality, having made friends of all who have had the privilege of making her acquaintance. George Oliver, likewise, has made hosts of friends through his sunny disposition and courtesy. He graduated from Brawley High School and San Bernardino Junior College. He assisted his father at the Desert Vale for one season, and the past two seasons has been at the Hotel Oasis, where he has been exceedingly popular with the hotel guests.

At about the same hour Miss Lucille Gray, whose home is in Los Angeles, was married to Bernard McConnell of Palm Springs, by Dr. C. D. Williamson at the Palm Springs Community Church.

Mrs. McConnell, a beautiful young blonde, came here early this season and accepted a position at the Palm Springs Drug Co. Her cheerful demeanor has won her many friends.

Mr. McConnell came here from Boise, Idaho, five years ago, and has been employed at The Oasis ever since that time, having been assistant clerk this season. He is a very earnest and conscientious young man and has made a host of friends.

The Olivers are honeymooning in Riverside and San Francisco, but will go to Long Beach later in the summer. The McConnells are spending their honeymoon in Boise, Idaho.

Keith Crawford to Marry Miss Florence Lasky

Announcement was received here this week of the forthcoming wedding of Keith Crawford, of Hannibal, Missouri, and Miss Florence Lasky of Detroit, Michigan. The young couple plan to be married in June, probably in Texas.

Mr. Crawford has spent the past two seasons here, and has been in charge of the Central Hotel Annex swimming pool. He will leave soon to take charge of his brother's oil well properties in Gladewater, Texas.

Miss Lasky, a very attractive young lady, has also spent the past two seasons here, and recently left for her home in Detroit.

After the wedding the pair will visit the Texas Centennial at Dallas and later go to Chicago. They expect to return here next fall.

University Women Will Meet Monday Evening

The last meeting of the year of the Banning-Beaumont-Palm Springs branch of the A. A. U. W., will be held next Monday night, May 11, at the community hall of St. Stephen's Episcopal church in Beaumont. A most interesting program has been arranged by the program chairman, Miss Thelma Rietzke.

Mayor E. B. Criddle of Riverside will speak on "Gold Is Where You Find It." Music will be furnished by the Palm Springs members and the new members will be initiated. Miss Katherine Finchy closes her term as president and Mrs. Opal Vertrees will succeed her. All members are urged to be present.

Hough-Hovley Engagement Is Announced

The betrothal of Earl Hough and Miss Alice Hovley was announced last week.

Mr. Hough came here this season from Colton, and with Dean Olson, established the Associated Service Station. It did not take him long to get acquainted with Miss Alice Hovley, who came here from Vista to spend the winter. Friendship soon developed into romance, and the marriage will occur some time in August or September.

Since the announcement of the engagement, the two young people have been the recipients of good wishes from the many friends they have made during their brief residence here.

This reporter has not had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Miss Hovley, but he has met Mr. Hough on numerous occasions, and found him to be one of the finest young business men in Palm Springs, a straight-forward young chap who has won the regard of every person who

has met him in a business or social way.

Miss Hovley is to be honored with numerous social functions, one of which was held last evening at the home of Miss Margaret McCann. Numerous friends of the young lady participated in the shower.

Wedding Announced of Hill Murray and Miss Bermingham

The friends of Hill Murray, one of the proprietors of Murray's Indian Store, and Miss Dorothy Bermingham, will be happily surprised when they read this announcement of the marriage of the popular young couple.

They were married in Palm Springs on February 12, by Father Lehan of the Catholic church, but they have kept the marriage secret.

Mrs. Murray came here from San Francisco early this season. She is a charming and lovely young lady, and is welcomed into the younger set of the community. Mr. Murray is associated with his brothers in the operation of Murray Brothers Indian Store, located on the reservation in the center of town. He has a very pleasing personality, and has made many friends through his courtesy and friendly co-operation.

The young couple are vacationing at Rancho Nightingale in the Santa Rosa mountains, and will make their home in Palm Springs.

Miss Sharon Merrill, feature writer of the Los Angeles Times Woman's Magazine, arrived here last week to spend a week with her friend, Miss Edna Buckingham, at the Desert Retreat. Miss Merrill is a psychologist and philosopher, and writes a very interesting and helpful column for men and women. She lectured over Radio Station KFI for five years. Miss Buckingham has been coming to Palm Springs for twelve years. She is also a writer, and agent for artists, lecturers and screen actors for platform and radio engagements.

IN PERFECT AGREEMENT

He said he yearned
For stars that burned
In a velvet tropic night,
For a tree-fringed strand
With its golden sand,
For tumultuous billows white
And the music sweet
Of their rhythmic beat
On an island of pure delight.
He said he longed
For a spot untroubled
Of the crowds that he so abhorred
For the simple peace
For the soul's surcease
Which so patently he adored.
And his mental wealth
And his moral health
He was certain would be restored.
Yes, he would be
By some distant sea,
Where the swift-winged seabirds
pause,
Oh, he would, you know,
For he told her so
And he yammered along, because
He could never surmise
From those innocent eyes
That she evidently wished he was.
—Boston Herald.

GOOD FISHING OFF SAN CLEMENTE REPORTED

Owl Boat Co., Inc., of San Clemente, reports fishing as being exceptionally good off the San Clemente coast. Yellowtail are plentiful, and barracuda are being hauled in, in sizes that tax the muscles of sportsmen. During the past week the run of white sea bass, halibut, bonita and calico bass was satisfactory.

Local people will find the Owl Co. A 1 in service, courtesy, and best of all—fish.

NOTICE OF ELECTION for HIGH SCHOOL TRUSTEE

(School Code Section 2.1059)
NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of Desert Elementary School District of Riverside County, California, that the Annual Election for High School Trustee for Banning Union High School District, will be held at the Palm Springs Schoolhouse in said district on the first Friday in JUNE, viz. JUNE 5, 1936.

It will be necessary to elect one trustee at large for three years. The polls will be open between the hours of 1 o'clock p. m. and 5 o'clock p. m.

The officers, appointed to conduct the election are:
Robert L. Edwards, Inspector.
Mrs. H. L. Hansen, Judge.
Mrs. Ellis Parker, Judge.
Dated May 2, 1936.

Signed:
F. V. SHANNON,
President.
MRS. HAZEL R. KOGER,
C. W. BLACK,
A. L. BRAMKAMP,
ROBINA HEMMERLING,
Secretary,
High School Board.
Banning Union High School District.
S40-42

Phone The Desert Sun 3594.

MOSHER DIES; VICTIM OF THE "WILD MAN'S" BULLET LAST FALL

Reports from Los Angeles state that George Mosher, ex-service man of Beaumont, is dead. Mosher was shot last fall, by Fred Thurber, the "wild man of Oak Glen," as he was seated in his home. His assailant was outside. The shooting occurred at night.

Mosher, who had tuberculosis, was rushed to the Banning Hospital after being wounded by Thurber. For days his life was despaired of.

The "wild man" kept up his depredations after shooting Mosher. Near Pine Bench he shot and badly injured George Wilshire of the well known Wilshire ranch near Oak Glen. Following the assault, Wilshire spent months in the Redlands hospital.

Officers of Riverside and San Bernardino counties scoured the hills for the "wild man." At night the culprit would raid houses and steal food. Once, when closely pressed in the Oak Glen foothills he took a pot shot at Sheriff Carl Rayburn. Constable Joe Toutain was also close on his trail.

Driven to desperation on January 14, Thurber in the evening walked into Beaumont. His only weapon then was a knife. He had thrown away his gun. Along the Southern Pacific tracks at Beaumont he literally walked into the arms of the Beaumont police. He reached for his knife, but upon looking into the business end of two revolvers, held by the police, he changed his mind and was handcuffed. His trial followed at Riverside and he is now in prison.

Mosher, victim of Thurber's gunplay, eventually located in Los Angeles, where he recently died from the effect of Thurber's bullet, according to reports received by this newspaper.

License to wed has been issued at the county clerk's office in Riverside to Stanley LeRoy Morgan, Palm Springs; and Dorothy G. Hobbs, Riverside.

Ray Murray, publicity director at the Desert Inn during the past two seasons, will leave Monday, probably for Santa Barbara.

"Sun Classified"

WANTED—Cooking and housework in small Protestant family. Address F. A. Lilley, Redlands, Calif. s31-43p

\$200 — Two-room house for sale. Ground lease Topping Auto Trailer Court, \$15 per month. Glenn S. Martin. s25-1f

LOST—One Gold Colored Topax Earring with gold wire earguard, Saturday evening in or near the Palm Springs Theatre. Telephone Mrs. Carpenter, 4822, for reward. s40

MOUNTAIN PROPERTY — Lovely home at IDYLLWILD. Owner out of state and anxious to sell. Lot about 1 1/4 acres with native trees. Another smaller home, nicely situated on Marion View Drive for \$1600. Both properties clear and may be sold on terms. Virginia Windle, 47 N. San Geronimo, Banning, California.

HOUSE TRAILER for sale—Completely furnished. White's Flit Shop.

THREE-BEDROOM furnished home; double garage, North San Geronimo Avenue. Available for three months beginning June 15th. Box 234, Banning, California. s39

\$80 ACRES with improvements: plenty of water; about five miles off State Highway and about 20 miles from Palm Springs. Virginia Windle, 47 N. San Geronimo Avenue, Banning, California. s39

BIGGER BARGAINS in extra good reconditioned stoves, tools, all kinds of furniture. Also new mattresses. Coil springs, tubs, brooms, etc. 145 E. 5th St., Beaumont. s31-1f

FOR SALE—Palm Springs business lot; fine location, near Del Tahquitz Hotel. Bargain for quick sale. Rose Stanley, 430 Ellis St., San Francisco, California. s38-40-p

WANTED—Mountain property with or without cabin to exchange for 5 acres almonds with house in Banning. Write Box 234, Banning. s31-1f

FOR SALE—640 acres about 6 miles west of 29 Palms, short distance north of main road. Smaller tracts in 29 Palms and Morongo Valley. Virginia Windle, 47 N. San Geronimo Ave., Banning, Cal. s40-42

ANNUAL PARTY OF PARTIES HERE SATURDAY NIGHT

Annual party of parties at Palm Springs is the Desert Frolic dinner-dance, when Palm Springers celebrate at their yearly big get-together, dine under the desert stars and moon, dance the rhumba, fox-trot, waltz and square dance in the beautiful outdoor setting of the Desert Inn gardens.

An excellent ten-piece orchestra from Loyola University, which scored a hit here a few weeks ago, will furnish the music for the second annual Desert Frolic dinner dance tomorrow (Saturday) evening, May 9.

Dinner will be served from 6 to 8 p. m. and dancing will start at 7 p. m. Reservations for the event should be made as early as possible. Last year's Desert Frolic dinner dance was attended by a capacity throng of smart Palm Springers, who declared it the festive event of the season. Many will entertain or participate in Dutch treat parties at this season's Desert Frolic on Saturday evening.

MOTHER

(By Edward Fredricks)
Whose name I sing in twilight sleep?
Whose memory is more dear to keep?
I'll tell you now, there is no other,
It's Mother, Mother, Mother.

Whose tender words will cheer me on
When Mother dear is dead and gone?
Oh, God, delay that day to come,
When I must part from Mother.

Whose smile shall send me on my way
To spend another joyful day?
I believe that with my life I'd pay,
If I should lose my Mother.

Without her, birds would cease to sing,
No joy could life or nature bring.
Dear God, it's such an awful thing,
Please let me keep my Mother.

This life goes on from day to day,
And for our sins we all must pay.
Thank God the sins were for another,
There's one that's pure—it is my Mother.

Ben Davis suffered a very painful injury when he cut off the end of his left thumb with a hand saw, last Friday, while working on the Burkett job north of town. He was sawing a board, when his hand slipped and the saw penetrated through the thumb nail, completely severing the member.

Let the Desert Sun follow you.

PRINCESS ZORAIDA

Princess Zoraida, Master of Occult Science, greatest living Egyptian Clairvoyant, Palmist and Crystal Gazer, announces she will not be here after May 15th. She has helped thousands and can help you. See her before it is too late. Anyone who has had a reading from Princess Zoraida will receive a lucky token free by calling to see her.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The Junior class of Banning Union High school through the courtesy of Mrs. Nellie Coffman, will entertain the senior class, faculty members, and members of the school board on Friday evening, June 8 at 7:30 at the Desert Inn, Palm Springs. Beautiful hand painted block print menus of spring flowers, tall candles, and baskets of pastel blossoms will form a becoming setting for the lovely frocks of the girls. Dinner will be served on the tennis court, and dancing will follow the short speech program. About one hundred and twenty-five guests will enjoy the annual banquet.

The art department wishes to publicly thank Mr. Gordon Coutts, artist resident of Palm Springs for the courtesy he showed by the loan of a fine oil painting. His painting of "The Algerian" added a great deal to the department exhibit Friday night and the art students appreciate the kindness of this famous gentleman.

Spring football practice was started Monday. About 25 men have received suits. Some very good material has already been discovered so Banning is looking forward to a good season next year. Banning will play a game with Coachella to climax the present practice period.

Hooray! The San Geronio has gone to press. It will be issued at a special assembly on May 29. This book this year has several new features, and the staff has done its best to put out a good annual. Dan Choiser, Dana Earl, Geraldine Crew and Doris Johnson have written, re-written, typed and re-typed pages until they know the content backwards. Miss Cromwell and her art groups have made some unusual and artistic division page contributions, all of which are hand painted. T

COUNTY PEACE OFFICERS TO MEET AT HEMET

Riverside county peace officers plan on meeting Thursday evening, May 7, at the Hotel Alessandro in Hemet for their regular meeting.

W. N. Hildebrand, detective lieutenant in the Los Angeles Police department, will give a talk on "Evidence," featured with slides.

Have The Desert Sun follow you this summer.

Latest News of The Aqueduct

What will become the north shore of a new Southern California lake was taking form rapidly this week as construction crews got underway the placement of concrete facing on the dike section of the Cajalco reservoir, terminal storage basin on the main line of the Metropolitan Water District aqueduct.

Extending across the low rim on the north side of the Cajalco Basin, about 10 miles south of Riverside, the huge dike involves the moving of more than 4,000,000 cubic yards of earth, which is being impacted and faced with concrete.

Cajalco Dam itself will be built across the Cajalco canyon. The structure will be approximately a half mile long and 185 feet high.

The new lake, to be formed by the dike and dam, will be three and one-half miles long and one and one-half miles wide. It will have a capacity of approximately 100,000 acre feet of water.

The reservoir will be located at the western end of the 242-mile main aqueduct from the Colorado river. From it will run the 150-mile distribution lines which will carry aqueduct water to the thirteen member cities of the Metropolitan Water district.

At the present time approximately 470 men are employed on the Cajalco unit of the aqueduct project. The total estimated cost of the dam, dike, and reservoir is \$6,500,000, including materials, rights of way, engineering, and construction.

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FRED PAYNE CLATWORTHY ON TRIP EAST; SAD MISSION TO PERFORM

Fred Payne Clatworthy, noted autochrome artist, has gone to Dayton, Ohio, accompanying the remains of his aged mother, to that city.

The Santa Barbara Daily News of May 1 contained the following notice of the late Mrs. Clatworthy:

"Mrs. Emma C. Clatworthy, widow of the late Frederick Clatworthy, D.D., died last night in her 84th year at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bassett, 618 Serra street, this city, with whom she had lived for the last two years. Mrs. Clatworthy was born in Dayton, Ohio, to which place the body will be taken for burial.

"Mrs. Clatworthy is survived by her son, Fred Payne Clatworthy of Palm Springs, California, and Estes Park, Colorado, and a sister, Mrs. W. D. Bassett. She was for years officially connected with the foreign missionary work of the Baptist denomination. Mrs. Clatworthy was a cousin of the late Severo Payne, for 20 years chairman of the Ways and Means committee of the U. S. congress, and a niece of Henry B. Payne, former United States senator from Ohio. Funeral services will be held in the Charles T. Holland chapel at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Dr. Bryant Wilson of the First Baptist church will officiate."

GOLDEN GREENS FROM THE GOLDEN STATE

The millions of salad lovers of the country owe a debt to California—and the people of California reap a golden harvest from the principal salad ingredient, the humble head of lettuce.

In 1934, the last year for which complete figures are available, the farm value of California lettuce was over \$19,000,000—\$3,500,000 more than the 1933 value. Production totaled 12,785,000 crates, grown from 106,000 acres. As only 175,000 acres were given to lettuce in the entire country, California contained about 60 per cent.

First major development of the California lettuce industry was in the famed Imperial Valley. In recent years the industry has spread rapidly to other sections of the state and has met with great success. Acreage given to lettuce is still on the increase.

Lettuce is one more of the industries in which the Golden State leads the rest of the nation by a wide margin.

COUNTY FINDS MAINTENANCE OF SUBDIVISION STREETS A BURDENSOME PRACTICE

In many of the subdivisions in Riverside county, located outside of municipal boundaries, there are many unimproved streets which have been accepted by the county.

Question of a policy to be adopted relative to the acceptance of streets for maintenance in subdivisions will be considered at a joint meeting of the board of supervisors and county planning commission at a meeting to be held at 3 o'clock next Monday afternoon.

The question came before the board with the presentation of a petition by A. F. Hicks of Palm Springs, who said the signers, representing owners of property in Merito Vista and Vista Acres, tracts in which all the lots have been sold, are taxed for approximately \$250,000 on the county rolls.

The petition asked for the maintenance and repair of the streets in these subdivisions by the county, a total of about three miles, according to Mr. Hicks. He said the petitioners would be satisfied for the present to have the roads kept graded and free of ruts, an expense he estimated would not exceed \$125 a year.

He admitted that the petition involved the setting of a precedent and that the board would likely be asked to do the same thing for other subdivisions in the county. At Palm Springs, however, he said the subdivision owners preferred not to have the streets surfaced, as the streets are used for horseback riding. It was his opinion that the county could afford to set a precedent in the case of subdivisions covered by the petition, where available improvements have been made and the assessable value of the property greatly increased.

Chairman J. E. McGregor recommended that a survey of conditions at Palm Springs and elsewhere in the county should first be made before taking action.

Some of the members of the board questioned the equity of using any county funds for the maintenance of subdivision streets in unincorporated territory, since taxpayers in subdivisions in incorporated cities would thereby be helping to pay this cost in addition to that involved in the payment of assessments for their own streets.

The point raised by Mr. Hicks is well taken. Any subdivision that is assessed as high as \$250,000 should be entitled to county funds for the maintenance of its streets.

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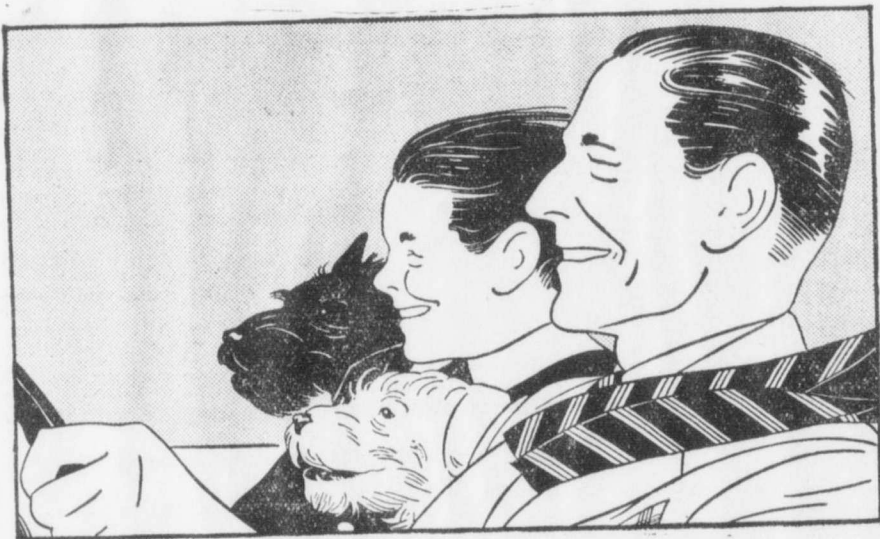
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PROGRESS ON AQUEDUCT IS SATISFACTORY

Bringing the Metropolitan Water District Aqueduct closer and closer to the cities which it will serve with water from the Colorado river, construction forces moved into high gear today in the laying of giant concrete sections of the aqueduct distribution system.

Using specially built equipment with smooth coordination, work crews are now laying 16 of the 42-ton units a day, a total of 192 feet. This rate of progress will be multiplied several times, according to district engineers, as similar operations get underway at other points.

Because of the great weight of each pipe section, it was necessary to design special equipment to transport them from the point of manufacture and to lay them in the trench. This latter operation is performed by a huge gantry crane which straddles the excavation, dropping the big concrete units as it moves along.

This crane, to use the language of the job, "handles 42 tons of concrete pipe like it was a feather in a breeze." In addition, the big machine manages to "pick itself up by its own boot straps." This achievement consists of reaching back, picking up the tracks over which it has passed, and setting them down ahead to be traveled over in the future.

Because of the weight of the pipe sections, contractors on the job are building complete manufacturing plants near the job, thus eliminating long hauls to the point of use.

The aqueduct distribution system, on which this work is going forward, will have a total length of 150 miles. The main aqueduct, from the river to Cajalco Reservoir, will be 242 miles long.

STATE WILL PASS RELIEF PROBLEM ON TO COUNTIES

California's relief commission will recommend immediately to Governor Merriam that the problem of handling relief in the state be transferred without delay to county welfare departments.

The state organization would reserve no more of the relief business than auditing and checking local administration.

End of the present SRA administrative setup before June 30 is expected to follow under this program.

These are developments following a San Francisco conference between the state relief commission and county welfare executives.

Controller Ray Riley has announced he will sign May 15 checks covering the final expenditure of funds now on hand for relief. Federal authorities have refused to advance more money to the state for direct relief.

FEDERAL SPENDING BEATS HIGH MARK OF LAST YEAR

Government spending on Monday passed the \$6,000,000,000 mark for the first time in the present fiscal year.

The Treasury statement as of May 1 showed total expenditures since July 1, 1935, of \$6,017,524,196. As receipts during the same time amounted to \$3,361,694,814, the government's balance sheet showed a deficit of \$2,655,829,381 for the period.

A total of \$5,889,142,872 was spent in the comparable period last year, while receipts amounted to \$3,096,057,499, resulting in a deficit of \$2,793,085,373.

The President's budget message estimated a total of \$7,645,301,338 would be spent during the year. This estimate, however, preceded enactment of the bonus payment law and Supreme Court invalidation of farm processing taxes. The message at that time forecast a deficit of \$3,234,000,000.

The latest estimate of the deficit on June 30, given the Senate Finance Committee by Secretary Morgenthau was \$5,966,000,000.

BELIEVE SKELETON IS SOLUTION OF MYSTERY

Friends of Fred Gilbert, well known prospector of Beaumont, whose disappearance in January, 1935, from his home in Beaumont, was the occasion for several searching expeditions into the hills in an endeavor to find him, express belief that the skeleton of a man found two weeks ago by two miners prospecting in the section north of Cabazon is that of Gilbert.

The few small pieces of cloth, the rusted tins found near the scattered bones, and more especially the one shoe found, were such as Gilbert had carried with him on his trips into the mountains. The shoe, more than any other article, was of the make and size he wore when last seen and observed before his disappearance.

MAGNIFICENT VIEW OFFERED BY MOUNTAIN

(By Hershel Blewett, Automobile Editor of The Los Angeles Evening Herald and Express)

Of all the mountains of Southern California, few ranges perhaps are wilder and less known than the Santa Rosa. Their burned red barren ridges rise south of the Coachella valley, and west of the Salton sea. But they culminate in two peaks, vastly different from the lower elevations, Toro peak, 7800 feet in height and Santa Rosa, 8046. Hidden behind their gigantic neighbor to the northwest, San Jacinto, they have remained for years known only to a comparatively few deer-hunters and prospectors. Yet they are beautiful peaks, covered with magnificent timber, and watered with many springs. And today, due to the recent construction of a forest service road, by the civilian conservation corps forces, it is possible to drive a car to a point within a few hundred yards of the very summit of Santa Rosa peak.

Bound for Santa Rosa peak, the Herald and Express scout car, an Oldsmobile eight sent out by the Los Angeles zone office, set out last week. The route followed was the Foothill boulevard to San Bernardino, thence to Redlands, Banning, and 11 miles beyond Palm Springs to the beginning of the Palms-to-Pines highway. An April sun had boosted the thermometer into the nineties on the desert levels and the prospect of a climb into the cooler altitudes was welcome.

Pinon Flat, with its 4000-foot elevation was decidedly cooler. At Ribonwood, the party was joined by W. S. Howell, Jr., to whom perhaps, with J. Win Wilson, of Indio, belongs much of the credit for the fact that the magnificent Palms-to-Pines highway exists today.

Three-quarters of a mile west of Ribonwood, a dirt road leads to the south. It is marked with an Auto Club sign — "Santa Rosa Peak, 10 1/2 Miles." It climbs through rolling slopes of ribbonwood and manzanita, and in a few miles reaches the edge of the yellow pines, firs and incense cedars that clothe the higher reaches of Santa Rosa. In strange contrast to the desert heat so briefly left behind, patches of snow began to be encountered in sheltered places.

Finally, at Santa Rosa spring, at an elevation of something over 7000 feet, the Oldsmobile was compelled to halt by deep drifts and fallen trees that made further travel impossible. The party was later assured by L. A. Horton, district ranger at Idyllwild, that the last two and one-half miles will within the next few weeks be cleared by the forest service.

Not to be discouraged from reaching

NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TRUSTEE

NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of Desert Elementary School District of Palm Springs, Riverside County, California, that the Annual Election for School Trustee for Desert Elementary School District will be held at the Palm Springs Schoolhouse in said district on the first Friday in June, viz: June 5, 1936.

It will be necessary to elect one trustee for three years.

The polls will be open between the hours of one o'clock P. M. and five o'clock P. M.

The officers appointed to conduct the election are:

Robert L. Edwards, Inspector.
Mrs. H. L. Hansen, Judge.
Mrs. Ellis Parker, Judge.

Signed:

NELLIE N. COFFMAN,
SALLIE NICHOLS,
JOHN W. WILLIAMS, Clerk
Desert Elementary School District,
Palm Springs, California.
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CERTIFICATE OF PARTNERSHIP— FICTITIOUS NAME Civil Code Sec. 2468-2470

State of California, } ss.
County of Riverside } ss.

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The names of the partners are:
Raymond R. Wilson, residing at Palm Springs, Calif.
Raymond M. Sorum, residing at Palm Springs, Calif.
Charles J. Burket, residing at Palm Springs, Calif.

WITNESS our hands this 14th day of April, 1936.

RAYMOND R. WILSON,
RAYMOND M. SORUM,
CHARLES J. BURKET.

State of California, } ss.
County of Riverside } ss.

On the 14th day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six before me personally appeared Raymond R. Wilson, Raymond M. Sorum, Charles J. Burket, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of my office this 14th day of April, 1936.

F. G. INGRAM,
Notary Public.
My commission expires July 19, 1937.
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CLIFF

This is the end of the trail;
No more will the horseman ride;
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In the early flush of his youth
He answered his country's call,
And Death breathed a poison blast,
And at last his victim must fall.

In all the races of life,
The victor is always the same;
Whether the race is short or long,
Death is the winner's name.

Fitting it was, at the end,
His friends should gather 'round,
As the day drew near its close,
To hear taps for the warrior sound.

He loved the desert land
And mountains that guard it well,
And here is the place that was best
For our cowboy's last farewell.

—Robert L. Edwards.

ing the summit of Santa Rosa, the party set out on foot. It was an easy climb, and one that rewarded at every turn of the road with new and startling vistas. Across Pinon flat, now 3000 feet below, rose the gigantic bulk of San Jacinto, crowned with glistening snow fields. Beyond, across from the pass, the peak of San Geronio was visible, and far to the northwest, San Antonio. North, stretched the whole length of Palm canyon, with green patches indicating the palm groves, and Palm Springs, huddled under the shelter of San Jacinto's wing. East from Palm Springs extended the gleaming floor of the desert, broken with the dark squares of the date groves and fields near Indio.

The road ends now at the saddle between Santa Rosa peak and Toro peak. A stiff climb of some 300 yards brought the party to a surprise that Howell had been saving as a dramatic climax.

Exactly on the summit of Santa Rosa peak, "Desert Steve Ragsdale," widely known proprietor of Desert Center on the road to Blythe, has built a sturdy log cabin. Ragsdale owns the entire top of Santa Rosa peak, and if there is a location for a house to compare with it in all Southern California, it would be hard to name it. Due to Santa Rosa's isolation and close proximity to the desert it commands a view appalling in its magnificence. In a clear day — and there are many such on Santa Rosa, "Desert Steve" looks south to the distant blue Cocopahs in Mexico and east to the mountains of Arizona beyond the Colorado. Borego Valley is so sheer below to the south that it almost seems possible to toss a stone onto the dry bed of Clark Lake. The long ridge of Palomar lies to the southwest, and days when the wind is in the north, the Coronado islands can be seen, and in the afternoon the Pacific makes a rim of polished brass for his western horizon. By night a little pin prick of light far to the northeast marks the settlement of Desert Center that Ragsdale founded. After nearly 30 years of pioneering, prospecting and ranching on the desert, Steve Ragsdale can thoroughly appreciate that view, that embraces virtually the whole Colorado desert. South of Toro peak, on a little mesa that few white men have ever seen, are the ruins of Old Santa Rosa.

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PLANS MADE TO PAVE ROAD THRO' DEVIL'S GARDEN

E. Q. Sullivan, division engineer of the California Highway Commission at Desert Sun office.

Mr. Sullivan states that bids for the oiling of the state portion of the highway through Devil's Garden (White-water toward Morongo Valley), will be opened May 7. He said sufficient funds were provided for oiling the existing road, but there is not sufficient money for realignment, or bridges or culverts.

The district engineer also said the width of the oiled section will be 20 feet.

"The project will consist of oiling the road from the pavement on Highway 99 to Morongo Valley where the state sign is situated along side of the road," he said, "indicating the state highway."

The end of oiling is at Morongo Lodge or where the San Bernardino county pavement starts leading toward Twenty-Nine Palms.

RED CROSS RELIEF GOES OVER THE TOP

Roman C. Warren, acting elective secretary of the Red Cross, Riverside county, issued the following statement today:

"The American Red Cross of Riverside county has been extremely successful on the eastern flood disaster drive. Contributions exceeded the fifty per cent increase of the two thousand dollars, which was the original quota. The people are to be highly commended for their hearty response to the distressed call of the eastern states."

"The Riverside County Chapter wished to express their appreciation to the newspapers and Red Cross branch chairmen for their splendid cooperation in helping to exceed the quota set by National Red Cross."

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POLICE DEPARTMENT OPPOSES PRIVATE DETECTIVE CONTROL

Following the announcement here this week that a private detective agency proposes to patrol homes for property owners who will be absent this summer, the local police department strenuously opposed the plan.

"The police department does not approve or sanction the plan," said Chief of Police William Seaton. "It is an unnecessary expense on the property owners, for they are given ample protection by the police department. We will continue to patrol the residential section as well as the business district, as we have in the past, and no one can deny Palm Springs has been remarkably free of burglary or petty thievery. Because of our police radio system, the police station and police car can constantly be in communication, and any would-be thieves can be apprehended before they get very far. We know the people here better than any strange detectives who would come here to serve the property owners."

"However, we have no objection to a detective agency carrying on private investigation here. We only wish to discourage residents from paying for patrol service, other than that given without extra cost by the police department. If the property owners wish to pay for additional service, let them contribute to the police department for the employment of an additional patrolman," concluded Chief Seaton.

Chuck Morrison, president of the Property Owners Protective Association, also strenuously opposed the private detective patrol service. "We can't see where any good will come from it," he said yesterday. "We have good police protection, and we don't believe any resident should be asked to pay any group to protect his home. Our association is opposed to private detective patrol service."

CRAZED MAN LEAPS FROM MOVING TRAIN

A crazed man jumped from a rapidly moving passenger train in the eastern part of Banning Tuesday and escaped without injury.

The man was identified as Fred Depree and is said to be part Negro. He was enroute from New Iberia, Louisiana, to Los Angeles. He was a chair-car passenger. The window was open and Depree plunged through it, striking the ground, forcibly, and rolling some distance.

Constable Joe Toutain took charge of Depree and found him much unbalanced, mentally. He had hallucinations regarding someone wanting to kill him. The constable took the unfortunate man to the County hospital for observation.

ST. BONIFACE SCHOOL FIESTA AND BARBECUE SATURDAY, MAY 30

St. Boniface School at Banning will stage its annual fiesta and barbecue on Decoration Day. A delectable repast will be prepared, and a good program of music and oratory is being arranged. Banning people should take pride in patronizing this event. St. Boniface is a home institution, depending upon private support for the education of its students. The fiesta is worthy of large local patronage.

COWBOY CLIFF FRAGER ANSWERS LAST ROUNDUP

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that Frager contributed much to the good of humanity during his years here below, and are comforted in the knowledge that he went to "the home on the range"—out yonder—as a place of eternal rest.

Cliff Frager was born and raised in Texas. Losing his parents when but a child, he grew up around the cow camps, and consequently became a cowboy. He loved horses, and followed the work of riding the range in Texas, Colorado and Arizona, and later took up the work of guide and riding instructor on dude ranches near Colorado Springs.

He held the sincere friendship of Mrs. Nellie Coffman and her sons, having been affiliated with the Desert Inn for the past few years as head of the Desert Inn stables. Due to this friendship, the Coffmans and Robersons made funeral arrangements.

Cliff came to Palm Springs some fourteen years ago. He was one of the original group of cowboys with Norman's Stables, then in their heyday and famous throughout Southern California. About five years ago he went into business for himself, operating a stable at Deep Well Ranch. Three years ago he leased the Desert Inn stable site east of the village and conducted that until the first of March when he sold his string of horses and other interests to McDonald Brothers in order to satisfy a life-long ambition and buy a ranch and engage in the cattle business.

After disposing of his local interests, Cliff went to Nevada and located a ranch which suited him. According to his friends the transaction involving its purchase was in escrow. It was during his stay in Reno that he got caught in a snowstorm and contracted a severe cold which necessitated his return here.

Immediately after he came back to Palm Springs his health took a definite turn for the worse and several weeks ago he was forced to bed. His condition gradually became poorer despite all efforts of Dr. Jack C. Hill, his close personal friend and physician for the last year and a half. Specialists called in were unable to aid in any way in saving him. Doomed to die, and realizing the fact, Frager courageously held on. His sense of humor and friendly spirit were evident even up to almost the very hour of his death.

Funeral services were arranged by the Coffmans and other friends and were held in the beautiful spot in the north end of the Desert Golf Course just within the gates. Rev. Wetherall, former minister of the Community church, officiated and close friends of Frager were pallbearers. They included Dr. Henry Hoagland, Bert Clark, Ted Stein, Jr., Dr. Hill, George Roberson and Earle Strebe. H. E. "Pat" Patterson, another close friend of the deceased, was out of town and unable to be present.

Interment was in the Desert Inn plot at the little village cemetery across from the golf course and the quiet, lovely place where the funeral services were held.

Robert L. Edwards in his poem entitled "Cliff," pays tribute to the departed. The poem appears on page seven of this issue of The Desert Sun.

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. C. D. Williamson, D.D., Pastor
9:00 a. m.—Sabbath school. Theo. C. Zschokke, superintendent. Classes for all ages.

10:00 a. m.—Service of worship. Sunday is Mother's Day, and the pastor will give an address on this subject. Sons and daughters of mothers are invited to attend to join in the tribute to Mother.

11:00 a. m.—Service of worship, with sermon by the minister.

6:15 p. m.—Young people's meeting in the assembly room. Geraldine Crew, president.

Mrs. Lanier Martin entertained at luncheon at the Desert Inn Tuesday, her guests being Mrs. Harold Holton, Mrs. Glenn Holton, both of Glendale, and Miss Margaret Sparks of Missouri. The affair was in honor of Miss Sparks.

Mrs. Lilyan Kligannon, proprietor of Lilyan's Gift Shop in the Central Hotel Annex, will leave within two weeks to open her shop in Catalina.

Earl Gray, manager of Central Hotel, Apartments and Annex, has been at Balboa all this week supervising the reconditioning of his two-cabin cruiser, "Rol-lyn," and will leave on Sunday, accompanied by his Palm Springs employees, for a three-day fishing cruise in Catalina waters. Mr. Gray is arranging the trip for an outing for his employees. The boat was named for his two children, Rollin and Marilyn, taking the first syllable of one name and the last of the other.

Palm Springs Associates held the final meeting of the season this afternoon at the Desert Inn.

CALIFORNIA BOA SNAKE IS CAPTURED NEAR HERE

Anyone having a natural antipathy for all snakes, should see the friendly little snake, "Billy," at the Palm Springs Garage, which was captured early this week by Oran Buck in Tahquitz Canyon, just below the falls. The snake is a California boa, a rare species seldom found. Mr. Buck, who had studied snakes in his biology class in U.C.L.A., stated he had only seen one other such snake, and that was the one in the University laboratory.

The snake, which is about two feet in length, was brought to the Palm Springs Garage, where he soon made friends with everybody. He was given the name of Willie, because it was thought such an affectionate little fellow should have an affectionate name. If it should later be discovered that the name is not suitable, he will be named Wilhelmina. He is very tame and eats lettuce and eggs when he can't find mice, pack rats or lizards. Like the boa constrictor, he crushes his prey before he eats it.

Willie crawls around on those who handle him, caressingly putting his small head against the cheek of a friend. His favorite retreat is in the typewriter, where he sleeps.

Willie is of a light blue color mottled with a golden brown. He has a small head, but L. J. Hayes of the garage declares he can swallow a small-sized hen's egg or even a pack rat. When full grown, he will probably attain a length of four feet.

"THE BARN" NIGHT CLUB CLOSES SATURDAY NIGHT; TO REOPEN OCTOBER 1ST

"The Barn," popular night club situated three miles north of town, will close Saturday night with a big farewell party. Manager Charles Carter announces that the club will reopen on October 1st.

CARBON MONOXIDE MENACES TRAVELERS ON LOCAL HIGHWAY

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ed that their findings will be reported immediately to Chief E. Raymond Cato, who will undoubtedly take drastic action to protect truck drivers and others on the highway in this vicinity.

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The members are from five different states, and applications indicate that at least a dozen states will be represented on the roster. Most of them are of the executive class, who either have winter homes here now, or are planning to build here in the future. Many, however, will make their winter homes in the hotels.

President Robert Ransom of the club is elated over the quick response to invitations sent to a selected list of desirable prospective members, and

stated yesterday that the club is assured as was originally planned. The first unit, costing \$75,000, will therefore be completed before the advent of next season.

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front of the porch emerged the two adult thrashers and three youngsters. They came onto the porch, hopped about on the furniture, the adult birds whistling at me in a manner that was all the world as if they were introducing their youngsters. And proud they were entitled to be, for the young birds were beautiful, trim, half grown reproductions of their parents.

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